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SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1906.

Taxpayers Concerned. At the meeting of the Town Council on Monday night the Water Committee submitted a report of its investigation of the needs of the town in the matter of additional water mains. The several atreets in which it was proposed to lay additional mains were enumerated in the report. The estimated cost of carrying out the enlargement of the town water supply plant is \$17,000.

There is a difference of opinion among the members of the Council as to the advisability of undertaking the work outlined by the Water Committee, and decided opposition to carrying it out in its entirety. The preliminary discussion of the project Monday night resulted in a demand on the part of the opposition for a complete detailed statement of the cost of maintaining and operating the water department since the town assumed control of the plant and the actual revenue received during that same, period. The Water Committee promised That the information would be furnished, whether the plan proposed by the com-

This question of the extension of the water supply plant is a matter that calls for a prompt and frank statement of opinion from taxpayers.

An issue of school bonds to the amount of \$37,000 has just been authorized. Now on top of that it is proposed to issue water bonds to the amount of with its accompanying danger of huge \$17 000. The question is, are the people ready for such an immense and imme-

In support of the argument in favor of an lesue of water bonds it is asserted that the water department is making a profit of \$7,500 per annum. That assertion is doubted by some and flatly ileputed by others. Only the authority of an expert accountant can determine the question. But a favorable financial showing, even if one can be made by the water department, does not justily a large bond lesue.

Unpaid Water Rates. . Water rents are a lien upon pro-

days of January and July of each year and are payable is advance."

the day upon which they are payable, the to date of payment at the rate of six

The above quetations from the rules and regulations of the water department will be found printed upon the back of every water bill sent out.

Councilmen Farrand's assertion Monday night that unpaid water rates to an amount between five and elz bundred dollars were carried on the books of the as to the responsibility for such a condition of affairs. The rules quoted above, if rigidly applied, seem to make it impossible for any large amount of unpaid water rates to accumulate.

When the water department was were busy at the polls. They repreorganized it was realized that amount of money from water rates did ing clubs, the Lotos and the Fortnightly, not warrant the creation of the office of and of the missionary societies of the collector of water rates, and a tempor- various churches. They were all using ary arrangement was made with the their influence in favor of the independcollector of taxes whereby that official ents. To be sure, the ladies did not do sends out the water bills and receives | what is termed electioneering, but simthe water rates. Within thirty days ply sold refreshments at booths near the from the date that water rates are due poils. Their presence lent a the collector of taxes turns over to the

a list of the unpaid water rates. The collector of taxes does not order any water connections shut off because bills are not paid, and he has no right of thinking people: If those women or power to do so. He simply acts in a "lent a quieting influence and the usual clerical capacity for the water depart. profanity and bolsterous language inciment and has nothing to do with the dent to former elections was noticeably operation of the department. If the absent," why in the name of common collector of taxes turned off water at a sense not let the women go a step furcurb cock or a corporation cock he ther and add to their influence (which all would be liable to a fine of ten dollars, agree is for good) the power of the balthe same as any other individual that lot? Influence plus the ballot is cer-

the department. When he receives from influence men to vote right, but con- entitled to pensions without examination. department is the responsible head of people will praise women for working to the collector the list of unpaid water demn them if they manifest a desire to rates, the collector's duty in the matter drop their opinion in the ballot-box for their selves? "Consistency, thou art a commissioners of Deeds." | Consistency, thou art a commissioners of Deeds." | Commissioners of Deeds."

paid their witter rates are permitted to continue the use of water, it is because the superingendent permits them to

If the thirty-day rule is enforced it the superintendent who enforces it and not the collector. If the rule has not been enforced and unpaid water rates have accumulated, the responsibility is upon the superintendent of the water department,

A Hunicipal Danger. When in 1903 the tex rate in this town was three dellars and ten certs for one hundred dollars of valuation there was great political uprest and much dissatis-

faction with the administration of municipal affairs, and not a few influential citizens favored annexation Newark as the best solution of the municipal difficulties in which the town appeared to be involved. The men who advocated as nexation did so on practical grounds alone. The annexation project was defeated by an appeal to sentiment. By an adjustment of valuations in 1904, the tax rate was reduced to the extent of 56 points, but the reduction in the rate did not lessen the amount of taxes paid by individual taxpayers except in some instances, such as the Sprague Electric Works and other instances where valuations were upwards of \$100,000. A further reduction of 18 points in 1905 did lessen the amount of tax paid in many instances, but only in

The probabilities are that the 1906 tax rate will be about the same as that of 1905. In some ways a lower tax rate has its advantages, and in other ways it is a menace, and just at present this town is confronted with a mensoing feature of the lower rate. Just as some individuals will load themselves up with real estate providing they can purchase it with a small cash outlay and a heavy mortgage, so will some towns venture into extensive improvements providing can be accomplished by a slight increase in the tax rate and a large bond issue. Bond issues are the most alluring danger that beset municipalities.

Because Bloomfield now has a comparatively low tax rate it is confronted with the besetting sin of bond issues. School bonds have been authorized to the amount of \$37,000, water bonds to the amount of about \$20,000 are and high tax rates have caused the disproposed, also road improvement bonds for a general repair of existing stone roads and the improvement of additional screets. In town affairs there appears to be no medium of rest and peace. On this property to a lerge extent, with the the one hand it is a high tax rate with its accompanying annexation agitation, on the other hand it is a low tax rate

As the town advances in population and resources, what are termed higher forms of government are taken on, and with each advance in this direction the power and influence of the individual citizen in matters of government are lessened and the authority and power of the few men intrusted with government are increased, and citizens now can only make their influence felt through channels of agitation and general uprising. Such methods are distasteful to a large number of peace-loving citizens, and are only resorted to in extreme

In this matter of increasing the question that arises is one of those extreme cases in which it becomes taxpayer to arise and bestir himself. "If not paid within thirty days from General acquiescence in the increase in school bonds should not be permitted to water supply may be turned off without be construed as a general indifference notice, and interest will be charged on the part of taxpeyers to all kinds of

Women in Politics.

TO THE LDITOR OF THE CITIZEN: SIR: A notly contested municipal election was recently held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in which women took an active part. The cause of the unusual interest an independent voters' organization, the Citizens' Improvement Unior, had placed a ticket in the field. The Hot Springs

"An unusual feature of to-day's elecsented the memberahip of the two leadinfluence to say the least, and the usual Bros., Bloomfield Centre .- Advt. superintendent of the water department profanity and bolsterous language incident to former elections was noticeably

absent." Now the question arises in the minds violated a rule of the water department. | tainly far more effective than influence Superintendent Powers of the water alone. Does it not seem strange that

County Equalization Board. The Legislature at its recent session

passed a bill creating a County Board of Equalization of Taxes. The board will consist of three members for each county in the State, to be appointed by the Governor, and the salary will be \$1,500 each per year in Essex county. The salary will be paid by the State, and the board will have supervising powere over

The board will inspect each piece of property in the county, and make rules | does not give relief. and regulations. As the intention of the law is to make a complete change in the taxing system, with a view of putting all assessments on the basis of full valuation, and of procuring a thorough assessment of personal property, the county boards will have plenty of work to do, and results will show how well they have done their work.

The total assessed valuation in Essex county in 1935 was \$266,539,037, an increase of \$20,868,437 over the previous year. The real estate last year was \$220,080,455, and the personal estate \$48,132,077. The average rate of assessment was between 60 and 70 per cent. Taking the latter figure for calculation, the increase of real estate as-\$66,000,000 to the valuations. The ast sessed personalty last year was a fraction over 18 per cent. The work of the county equalization board will undoubtedly greatly add to the personal assessment. The percentage may be doubled, in which case the total increase of ratables for the county will be appreximately \$120,000,000.

Newark's assessed valuations last year were \$153,005,955 for real estate and \$38,724,197 for personalty. The average assessment rate is about 70 per cent. At 100 per cent. valuation the real estate assessment should be increased by \$45, 900,000, while the increased personal valuation might bring the total figures of city ratables up to about \$266,000,000, equal to the entire county assessed valu-

Taxpayers now understand that the increase of assessment rates does not mean increased tax bills, but, on the contrary, is calculated to reduce their amounts. It does away with the discrimination in favor of the few, and abolishes inequality. Low assessments rates without actual confiscation. Low tax rates and a more thorough administration of the tax laws will bring out effect to still further reduce the tax rate.

ADVERTISING A BOOK How the Author of "Valerie" Cap-

tured Parisians Long Ago. thors have adopted for the advertisement of their books. A correspondent sends us an example of this sort of thing, which is the better worth quottaken from a life of Mme. de Krudner, whose novel "Valerie" appeared shortly after Mme. de Stael's "Delphine." "You know quite well," the author wrote to a friend, "that neither talent success. Everything demands some charlatanism." And the biographer proceeds to tell us how she translated

her doctrine into action. During several days, he writes, sh made the round of the fashionable shops incognito, asking sometimes for shawls, sometimes for hats, feathers, wreaths or ribbons, all "a la Valerie." When they saw this beautiful and elegant stranger step out of her carriage fancy articles which she invented on the spur of the moment the shopkeepasked for. And if the unfortunate shopgirls, taken aback by such unusual demands, looked puzzled Mme. de Krudner would smile graciously and pity them for their ignorance of the new novel, thus turning them all into eager readers of "Valerie." Then, Daily News said of the part taken by the off to another shop, pretending to search for that which existed only in her imagination. Thanks to these macarrying the fame of her book through the Faubourg Saint-Germain and the Chaussee d'Antin.-London Academy.

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Empire Theatre

De Wolf Hopper is announced to appear at the Empire Theatre, Newark, for the week beginning Monday, April 23. It has been several seasons since Mr. Hopper played in Newark, and his return in a new role, and one worthy of his conspicuous comedy talents, offers a pleasurable prospect. His new opers, "Happyland," with music by Reginald De Koven and book by the late Frederic Ranken, was conspicuously successful 4 per cent. Interest. in New York city during two long engagements this season, and was hailed as a most enjoyable and commendable reversion to the forms of true comic opera. In other words, "Happyland" has a real plot, and an interesting story told with some pretension to literary form. The music is the best that De Koven has composed since "Robin Hood," and that is high praise. s an abundance of comedy, and Hopper has never been more legitimately funny in his long career. He represents the King of Eiysla, or Happyland, sflicted ing sweetness of the happiness of all

The big comedian is particularly fortunate in having in his company that daintiest and most charming of all ingenues, Miss Marguerite Clark. This little artist has a most important part, and one that she plays with a delightful grace all her own. Other important members of this singing organizationfor De Koven's music demands good volces are Estelle Wentworth, prima donna: Bertha Shalek, contralto; Ada Deaves, comedienne; John Dunsmore, basso; Joseph Phillips, tenor, and Carl Hayde, tenor; William Danforth, William Wolff, Rdmund Lawrence and Ada Deaves, comedians.

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John G. Keyler of is expected bome next week.

The school in the f was broken into nothing of value tak The Young Men minstrel show in Cer. is an assured succes. Charles Warren Shaw and Miss Gra place, will sail for 6 All mails from New York and Gre road have been disc. Louis Schleif of brated his birthday day night with a rec Two plays will be bly Hall, Glen Ridg benefit of the Wom Mis Andrew Club will sail for Scotl will spend the sum

> Mr. and Mrs. Fra ton street enterts Whist Club Thursd Mrs. Joseph C. Mrs. William B. street, are home ! Miss Mary Zabr Easter vacation Ridge, has return Dr. Spencer C.

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